

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 640

By Jernigan

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate John A. Hobbs on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, John A. Hobbs will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on February 11, 2018, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir in life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the oldest of six children, Mr. Hobbs was born in a house on Natchez Trace in Nashville; he graduated from St. Ann's Parochial School with an eighth grade education, and by the age of twelve, he was delivering groceries, newspapers, and telegrams; in 1943, at the age of fifteen, John Hobbs joined the Merchant Marines; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hobbs was stationed in the Pacific Theater during World War II, and he served his country with an unwavering sense of duty and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, John Hobbs was honorably discharged in 1946, and he soon married the love of his life, Mary Kittrell, that same year. Together, they had four sons, Mike, Joe, Ronnie, and John C.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hobbs started his first business, John A. Hobbs Construction, in 1957, and with it, he successfully built his first motel, Fiddler's Inn South, in 1969; and

WHEREAS, since the start of that first company, Mr. Hobbs and his partners continued a legacy of success that included owning more than twenty-four businesses during the course of a forty-year period; and

WHEREAS, one such prominent business venture was the founding of the World-Famous Nashville Palace in 1977. For more than thirty-five years, the Palace was instrumental in promoting old and new stars; and

WHEREAS, ever the entrepreneur, Mr. Hobbs opened John A's Restaurant in 2005, where he continues to host entertainers, politicians, sports stars, and friends; and

WHEREAS, as John Hobbs enters his tenth decade, he is still an active and productive member of society who participates in various civic and community events, as his health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate John A. Hobbs on the celebration of his ninetieth birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.